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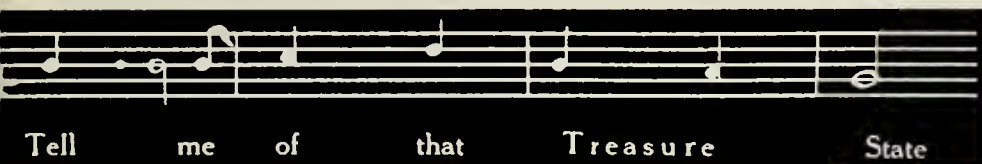


SPECIAL PHOTO ISSUE



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Writers most often write about things they know and love.

The same can be said of those who create songs, particularly if the songs are about Montana.

This 11th annual Special Photo Issue of *Montana Outdoors* uses snippets from songs about Montana as its text. Even without the accompaniment, these words carry a melody all their own. Loud and clear, they sing of great love for a state that has "plenty room and air," "antler'd neighbors," "silvery rivers," "snow-capped peaks so high," "bitterroots bloomin' on the hill"—a "rhapsody in evergreen, in flaming sunset, too."

Doubtless, hundreds of songs about Montana have never been heard, except by the composer. But the ones that have been published leave an impressive musical record. In the last 100 years, at least 36 songs with the word "Montana" in their titles have been published. Some were issued privately; others were distributed by music publishing houses all over the state, such as Butte's Melody Music House, Reeves Music Publishing Company in Helena, or the Whitefish Music House.

In addition to the state's splendors, some of the published songs pay tribute to Montana's fighting men, cowboys, or those who worked in the Butte mines. They honor "Helen from Helena," "Cassie, That Virginia City Lassie," and even a horse, "Platonia, the Pride of the Plains."

So share with us some lyrics about a state we all hold dear and some photos that join the words in perfect harmony.

Two handwritten signatures, one of Stan Stephens and another person.

Stan Stephens
Governor

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Front cover
Grizzly bear: Steve Torna

Inside front cover
Mule deer buck: Rodney Schlecht



Beargrass along Lunch Creek, Glacier National Park: Jim Mephram



Mule deer doe and fawns: Michael H. Francis



Beaver: Judith E. Strom

I long to be in the places that I see
in the pictures of my dreams,
where there's mountains full of trees,
meadows carpeted in green,
silent snowfall,
clear running streams.
Where the beargrass blooms
in the springtime of the year,
and the larch turn gold in the fall,
where there's deer, elk, and antelope,
beaver, bears and birds
and the yippin' coyotes serenade them all.

Montana Melody (Montana State Ballad)
words by LeGrande Harvey and Carleen Harvey,
music by LeGrande Harvey
1981



Bull elk: Pete and Alice Bengeyfield

From her rolling hills and fertile plain,
Forest deep and wilderness domain,
To the snow-clad peaks above--it's Montana that I love.
(chorus) I'll take Montana, where the tall pine grow,
Her rocky ranges, summer sun and snow;
I'll take Montana, lakes of heaven's blue,
Give me Montana, nothing else will do.
There the singing rivers charm the hours away,
There the antler'd neighbors come to meet me ev'ry day....

I'll Take Montana
words and music by Clarence E. Cunningham
1948



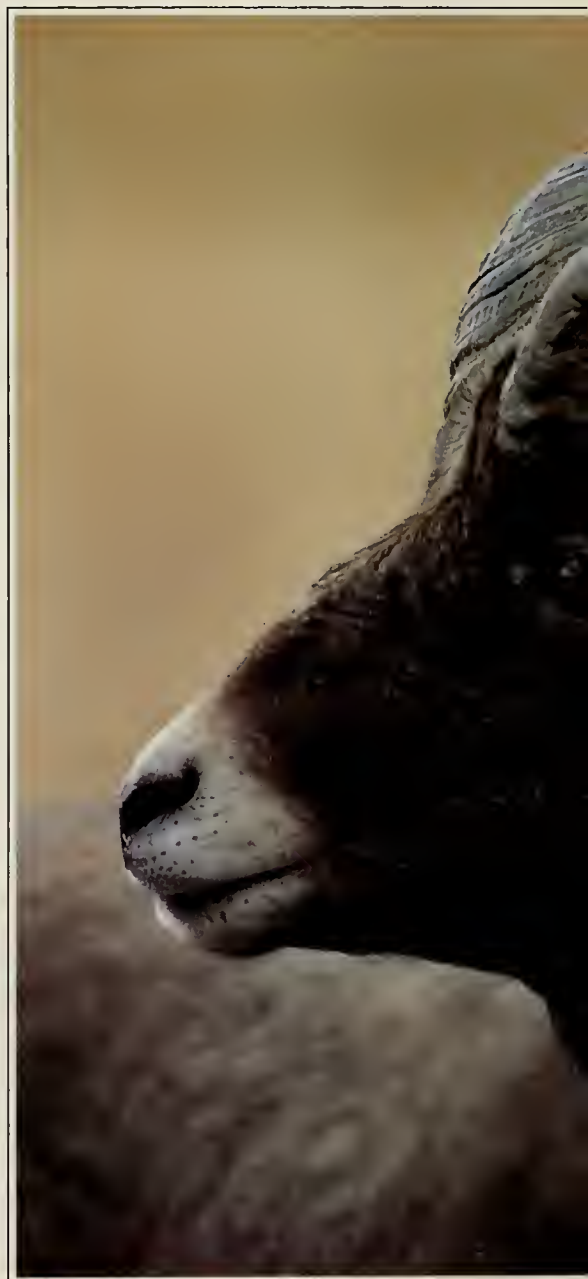
Bannack State Park: Lee Graves



Moose: Steve Torna



Grass-antlered elk: Michael H. Francis



Bighorn sheep rams: Jim Mephram

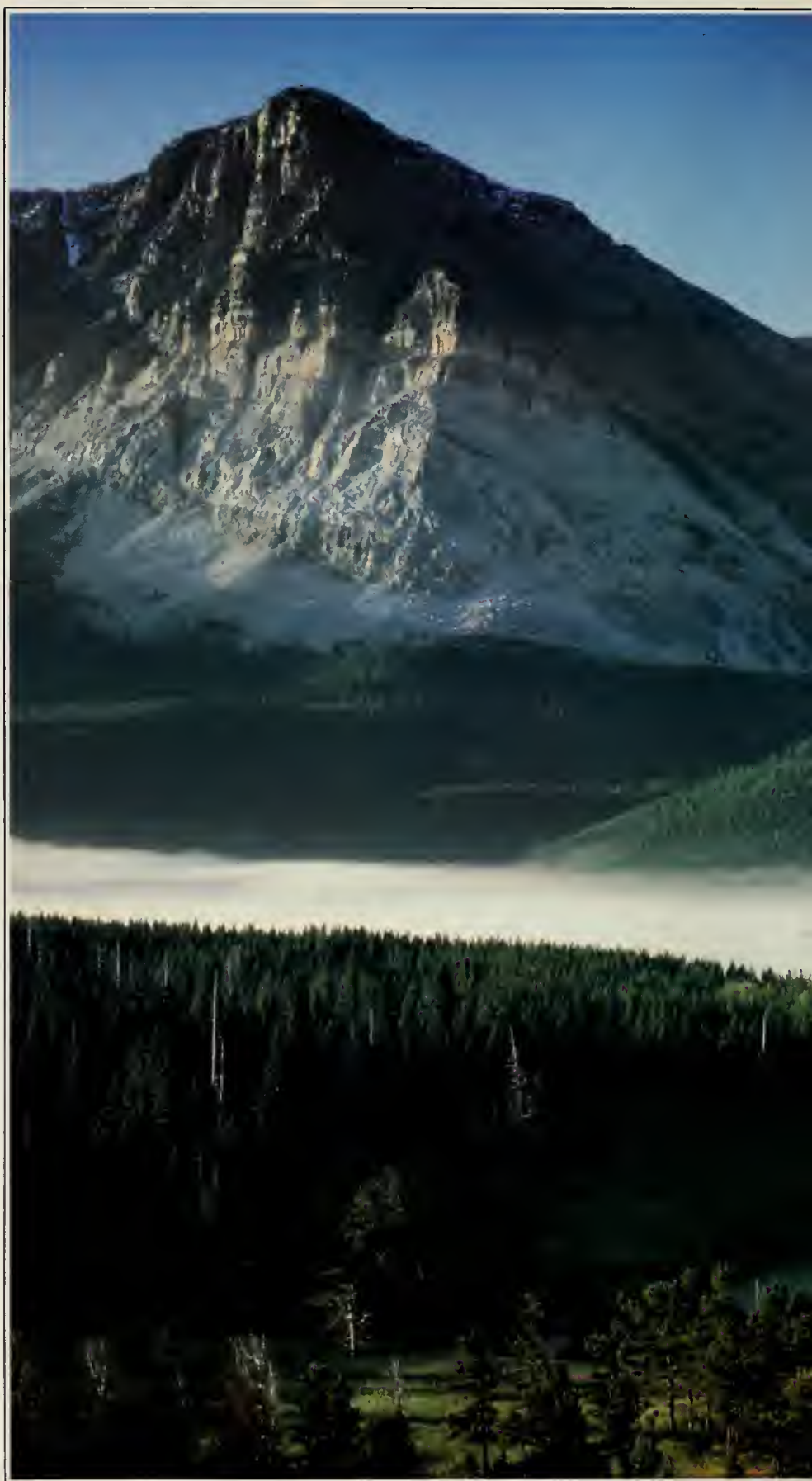
This is Montana where people say "hi,"
Where big rocky mountains reach into the sky,
Where moose, deer and wapiti are easy to see,
This is Montana--a good place to be.

This is Montana
words and music by Howard Bailey
1979



...In the Rocky Mountains,
below the garden wall,
there's a land,
the fairest to see,
Where the sun shines brightly
on glacier waterfall,
rolling down to the
great crystal sea.
I stand, I gaze, I wonder:
Can heaven more
beautiful be?
In this land of glory,
I love to linger on,
And join in the
Glacier Park Song.

Glacier Park Song
words and music by
Clarence Emory Cunningham
1955



Swiftcurrent Creek, Glacier National Park: Diane Ensign





Yucca plants at sunset: John McNeal

Beautiful land of the Rockies
 Glorious sunset so rare.
 Sweetest aroma of flowers
 Filling the summer night's air....

Montana My Home
 words by Mrs. Engelster, music by V. Nicola
 1923



Milkweed beetle on milkweed: Kristi DuBois



Harebells: Steve Ellis



Canada lynx: Al Troth

Yes there's no place like Montana,
the Big Sky Country my home.
A place to set my spirit free
a Rocky Mountain melody,
these things are a part of me
Montana, Montana, my home.

Montana Melody (Montana State Ballad)
words by LeGrande Harvey and Carleen Harvey,
music by LeGrande Harvey
1981



Mountain goats: Robert E. Barber



Crossing the South Fork of the Flathead, Bob Marshall Wilderness Area: Diane Ensign

Trouble and worry we defy
Out on the lake where shadows lie.

Just Floating
words by Donald R. Barnett,
music by Louise Scharmann Orr
1920



Fishing buddies: Dave McGee



Spawning brook trout: Al Troth

This is Montana, where bald eagles fly,
This is Montana, home of the big sky,
Where the rainbows are jumping from water so clear,
This is Montana--I'm glad that I'm here.

This is Montana
words and music by Howard Bailey
1979



Ferruginous hawk and young: L. Paul Jones



Bald eagle: Richard Mousel



Saw-whet owls: Jim Oltersdorf



White pelican: Harry Engels



Autumn colors near Ovando: John Lambing

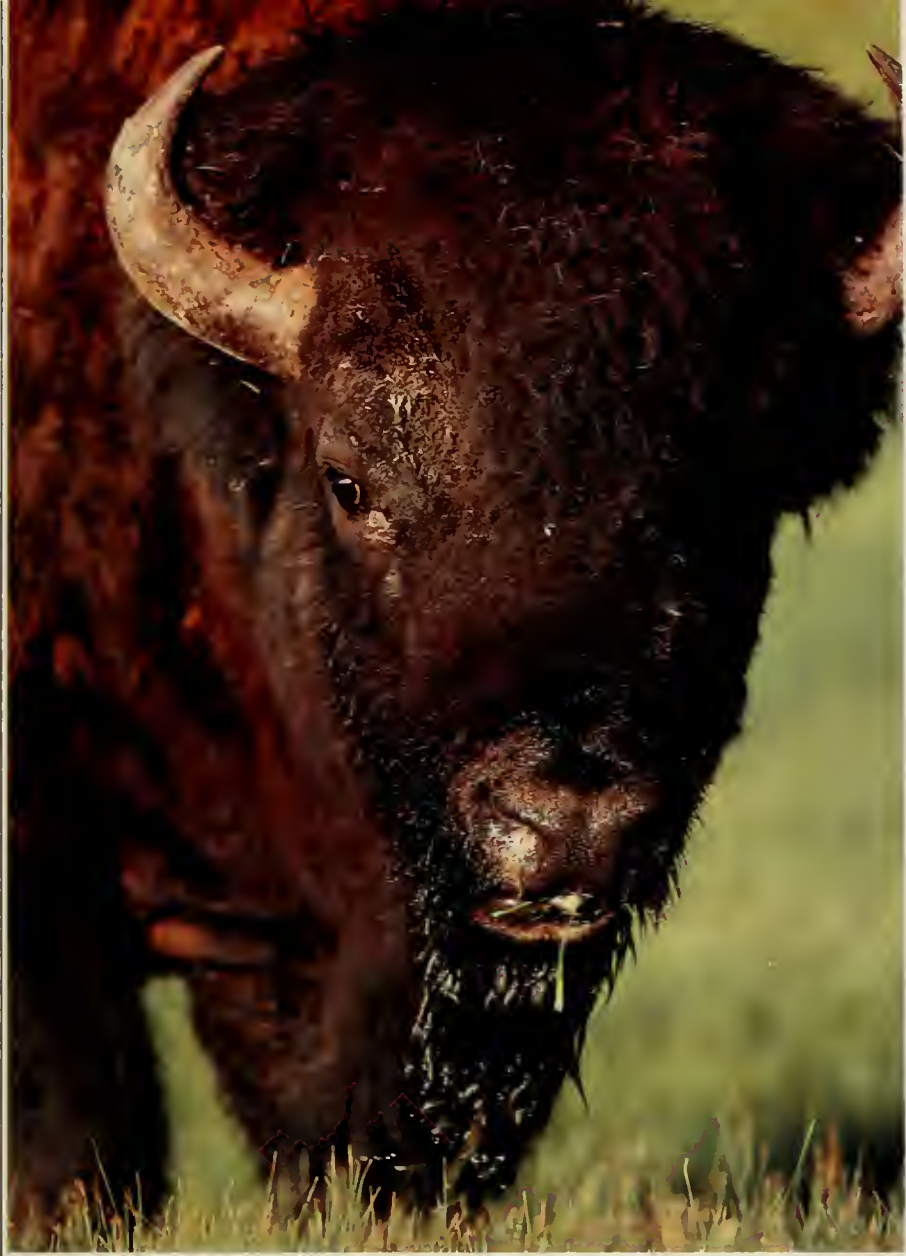




Grasslands east of Rogers Pass: Steve Ellis

I try to recall and to picture it all,
The wonders I knew as a child;
The sweep of the plain, the gold of the grain,
The ridges brush tangled and wild....

Montana--Waltz Ballad
words and music by Ruth Byrd and Harold Weeks
1921



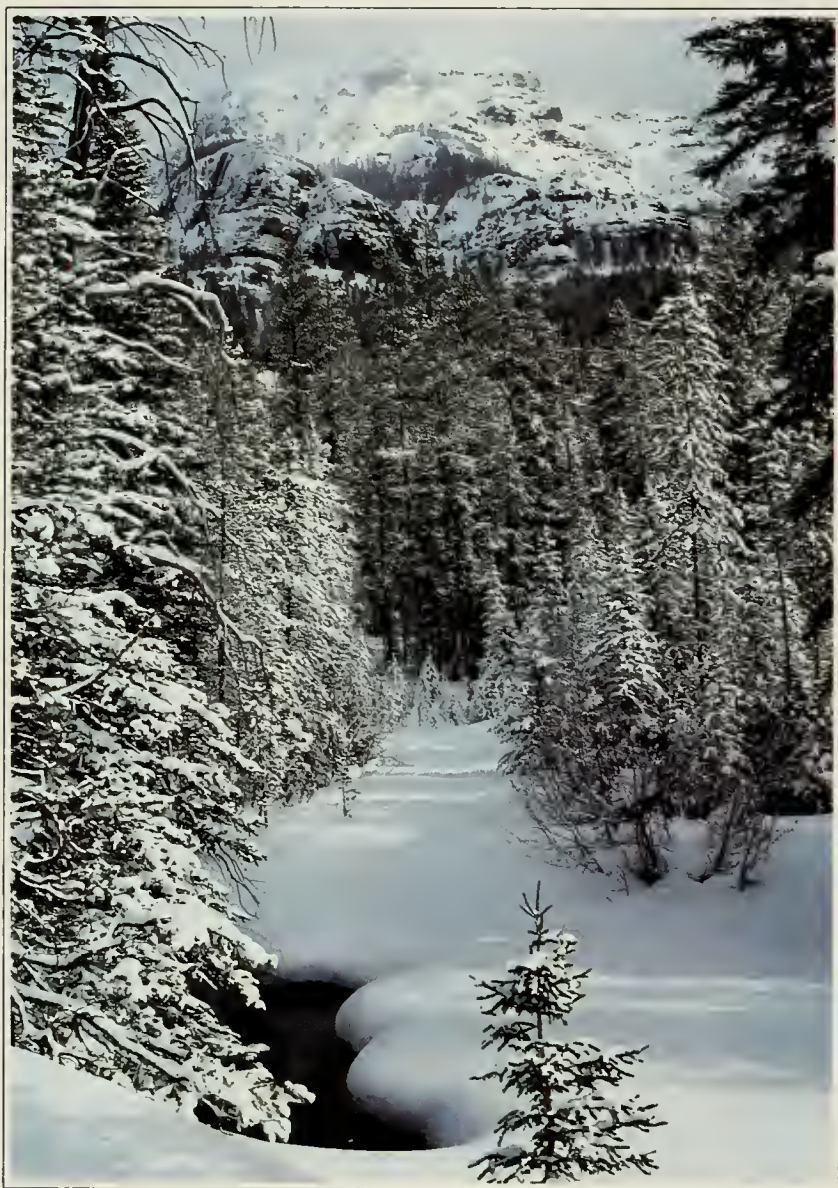
Bison: Jim Mephram



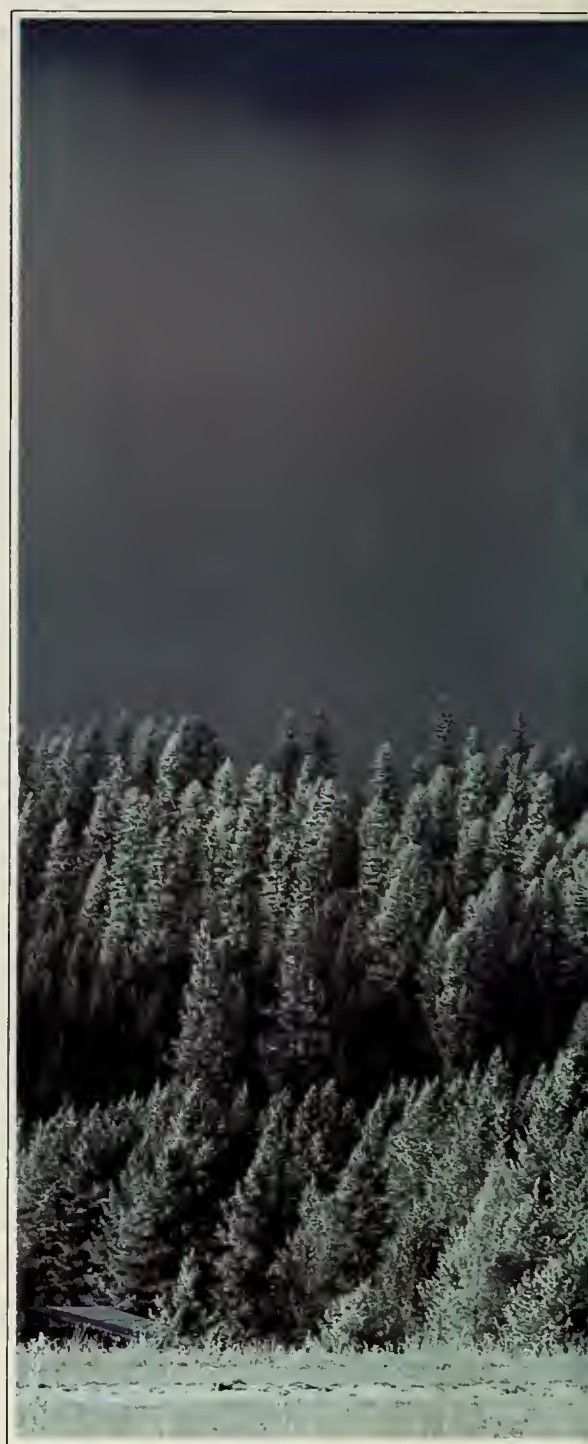
White-tailed jackrabbit: Richard Mousel

Our land is a land of mountains grand,
Of rivers long and deep...
For our mountain breezes blow bracing and free,
(chorus) We love to tell of our mountain home
Its praises we ever sing.

Our Montana Home
words by J.F. Davies, music by G.W. Leffler
1896



Winter solitude: John Lambing



Frosty sentinel: Mike Logan



(chorus) Montana, Montana, our mountain home, with snow-capped peaks so high,
Thy hills and dales and mountain streams,
Beneath a bright blue sky....

The Mountain State
words by Frank L. Kern, music by Minnie C. Kern
1897

(chorus) Have you ever seen Montana?

Where the shining hills are reaching for the sky,

Where the coyotes call as the shadows fall

'Cross a winding trail nearby...

Have you ever seen Montana?

Where the bitterroots are bloomin' on the hill.

Though I've roamed a lot, it's the only spot

That gives my heart a thrill.

Have you Ever Seen Montana?
words and music by Harry Johnson
1945



Weathered wagon: Don Wheeler

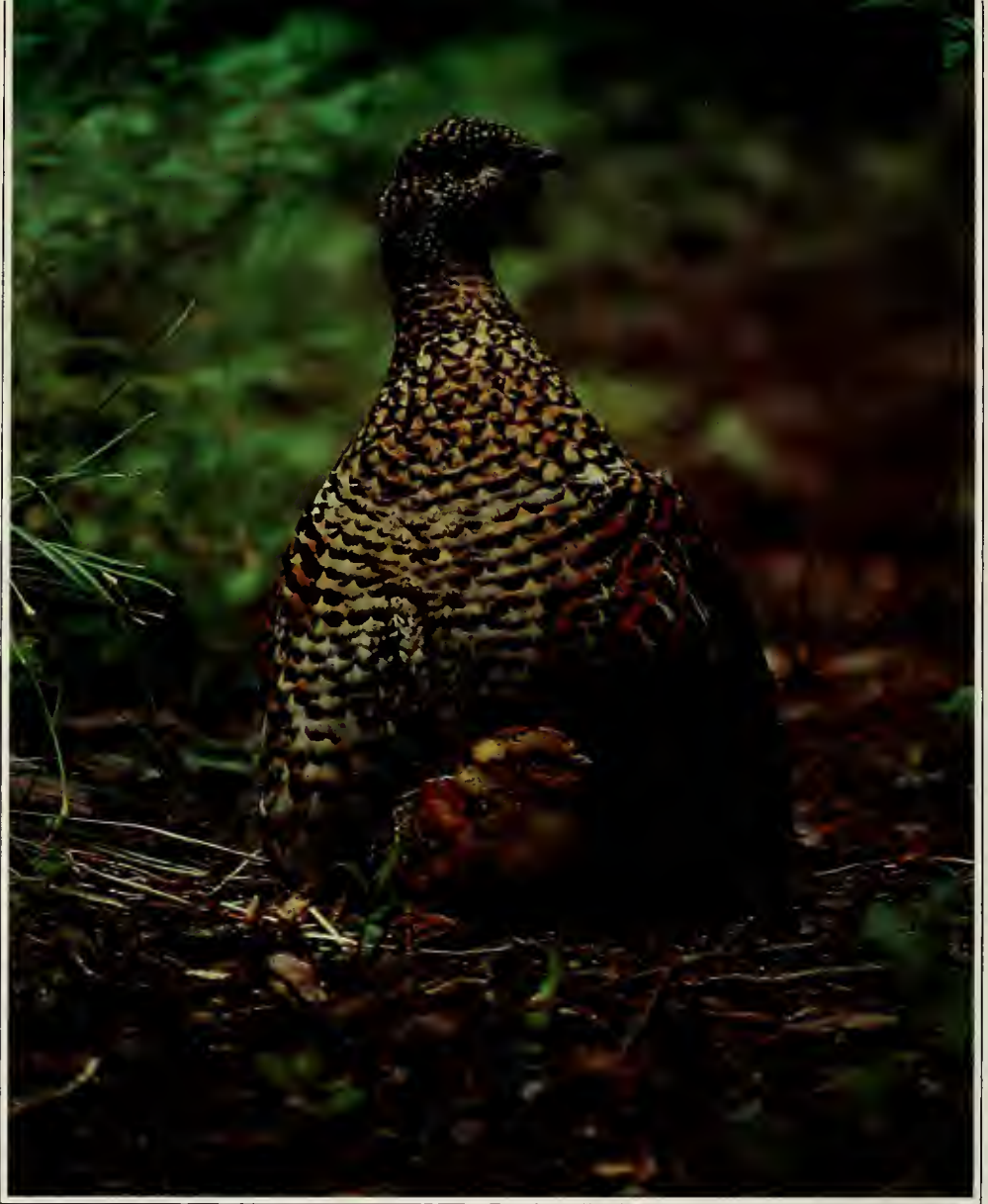


Yawning coyote: Dan and Cindy Hartman



Young red fox: Al Troth





Spruce grouse with chick: Dave Bennett

They found their land
a hunter's dream,
They fished each lake
and mountain stream,
In work and play
their joy supreme
Was centered in Montana.

Beautiful Montana,
A Ballad of the Big Sky Country
words and music by Kenneth H. Wells
1964



Black Labrador puppy: Michael and Patsy Fribley



Ring-necked pheasant: Richard Mousel



Kayaker: Raleigh Meade

We love her streams and lakes so fair,
And summer's cool refreshing air,
We love her parks where all may share
This wonderland, Montana!
Our beautiful Montana!

Hail, Montana!
words and music by Kenneth H. Wells
1964
(dedicated to the 1964 Centennial Celebration)



Going-to-the-Sun Mountain, Glacier National Park: S. Brooks Bedwell



Little Belt Mountains landscape: Steve Ellis



We love her rolling
grassy plains,
Her flocks and herds
and fields of grain,
That's why we sing
this glad refrain,
All hail to thee,
Montana!
Our beautiful Montana!

Hail, Montana!
words and music by
Kenneth H. Wells
1964
(dedicated to the 1964
Centennial Celebration)



Badger: Alan G. Nelson

At break of day,
 the sun ascends;
 Its beams reach
 'cross the sky;
 Then the wildlife awakes...
 It's a thrill
 that will never die.

Beneath Montana Skies
 lyric by Melvin Knogle,
 music by Bill Nokes
 1929



River otters: Michael H. Francis



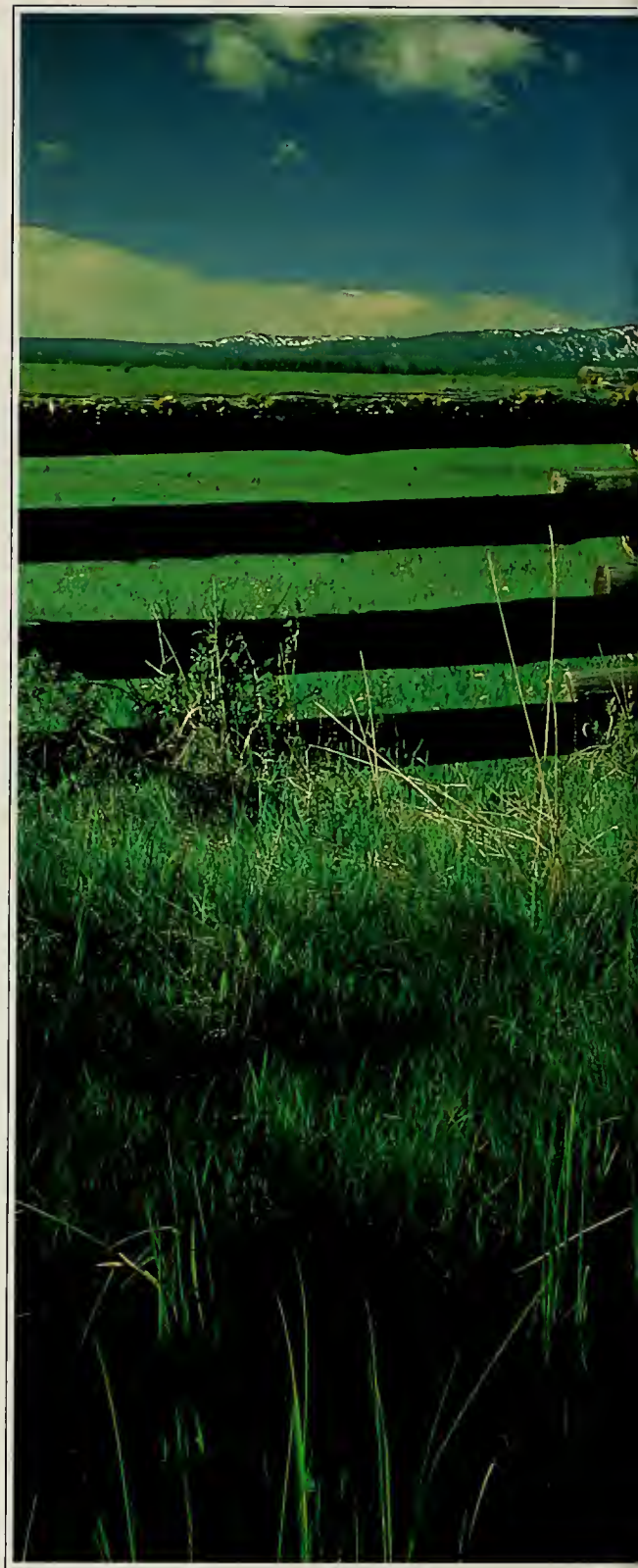
Young raccoons: Barbara Thomas



Moose calf: Pete and Alice Bengeyfield

This is Montana, the land that I love,
 This is Montana, with blue skies above,
 Where the mountains and meadows all look so green,
 This is Montana, the land of my dreams.

This is Montana
 words and music by Howard Bailey
 1979



Big Hole Valley: Mark Lagerstrom



Old Montana skies I'm lonely,
lonely for your moon that's shining bright....

Montana Skies
words and music by Elsie Birt Byers
1941



Red fox: Dan and Cindy Hartman



Moonrise over MacDonald Pass: Mike Logan



Great gray owl: Rodney Schlecht



Young porcupine: Robert E. Barber